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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

INVENTOR: Reinhold MEIER et al.

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EXAMINER: N. E. WIEHE

Gas Turbine Component

MS AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

January 20, 2009

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 19, 2008, INCLUDING AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Honorable Commissioner:

The period for reply has been extended with the enclosed TWO MONTH Term Extension Request. Filing this Response on Tuesday January 20, 2009 is timely with a TWO MONTH term extension, because January 19, 2009 was a National Holiday.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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